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Nov. 17 deadline set for parade applications for the 2005 presidential inauguration

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Joint Task Force–Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (JTF-AFIC) has set a Nov. 17 deadline for the public to submit applications to participate in the Jan., 20, 2005, presidential inauguration.

Applicants have traditionally included local groups from across the country, including school and community marching bands, floats, and a variety of performers who fit into a parade format.

Photos, video and audio clips of these groups are encouraged and can be sent electronically, along with the application. All applications are organized by JTF-AFIC and given to the Presidential Inaugural Committee, who will then select the participants.

JTF-AFIC is comprised of members from the five branches of the armed forces, who come together several months before the presidential election to provide military ceremonial support to the inauguration and related activities during the 10-day inaugural period of Jan. 15-24, 2005. Military support of presidential inaugurations dates back to 1789, when President George Washington was inaugurated.

Approximately 150 applications have been received so far. Traditionally, the Presidential Inaugural Committee strives to feature representatives from each state.

To submit an application, go to the JTF-AFIC Web site at www.afic.army.mil and click on the “How do I participate” icon in the top right-hand corner, or contact the JTF-AFIC band control office at 202-358-2207 or 202-358-2220.